

Supplementary Figures for

Bifunctional iRGD-anti-CD3 enhances antitumor potency of T cells by

facilitating tumor infiltration and T cell activation

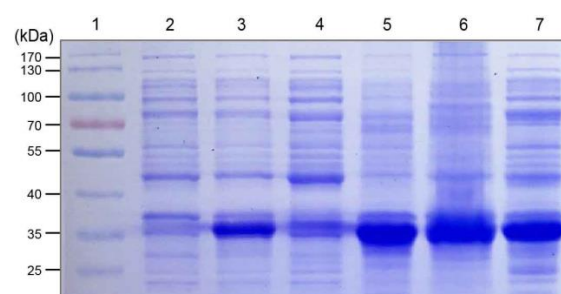


Fig. S1: SDS-PAGE analysis of iRGD-anti-CD3 expression. Lane 1, protein ladder; Lane 2, bacteria without IPTG induction; Lane 3, bacteria induced with 1 mM IPTG; Lane 4, the supernatant of the ultrasonic lysate; Lane 5, the precipitation of the ultrasonic lysate; Lane 6, solubilized inclusion bodies; Lane 7, Refolded products.

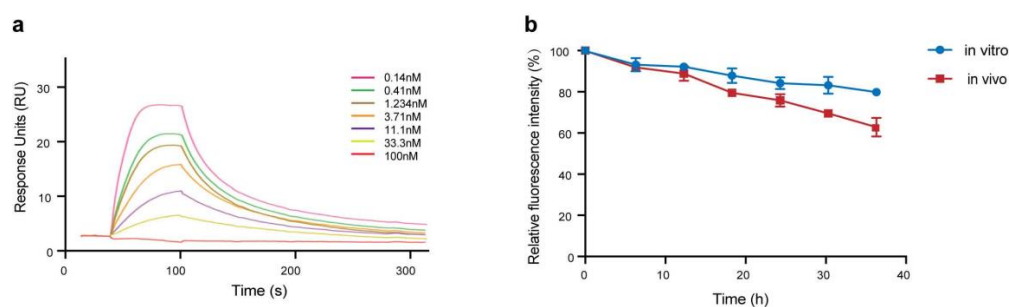


Fig. S2: (a) Binding kinetics of iRGD-anti-CD3 by SPR measurements and traces are shown at indicated concentrations. (b) Changes in overall fluorescence intensities of iRGD-anti-CD3 both on cell surface and in the cytoplasm of modified T cells.

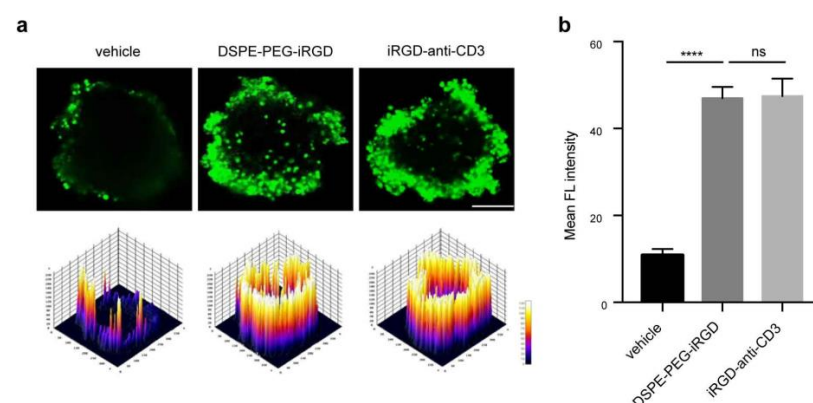


Fig. S3: Comparison of iRGD-anti-CD3 with DSPE-PEG-iRGD in promoting T cell penetration in MCSs. (a) PBMCs modified with iRGD-anti-CD3 or T cells modified with DSPE-PEG-iRGD were added into the MCSs at an E:T ratio of 5:1. After incubation for 24 h at 37 °C, confocal images and surface plot images were acquired. scale bar, 100 μm. (b) Mean fluorescence intensity of T cells in MCSs. Data are analyzed with Student's t test unless specified, and represented as mean ± SEM. ns, not significant; *** $p < 0.001$.

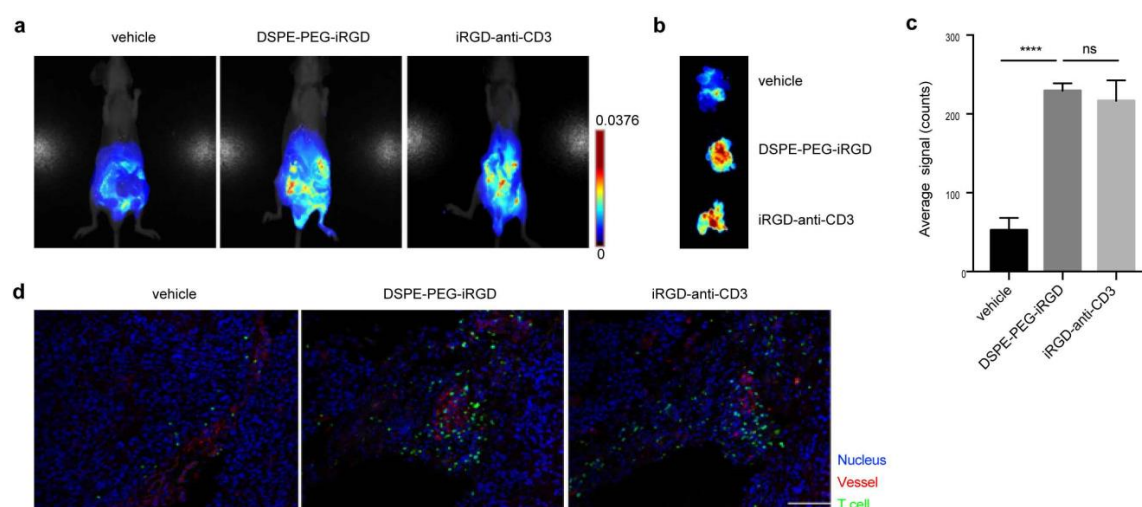


Fig. S4: Comparison of iRGD-anti-CD3 with DSPE-PEG-iRGD in promoting T cell penetration in MKN45 peritoneal metastatic mouse model. (a) 1×10^7 T cells modified in two approaches were injected intraperitoneally into MKN45 tumor-bearing mice. The mice and (b) tumor nodules were scanned 6 h post injection. (c) Semiquantification of T cell signal in tumor nodules from (b). (d) Immunofluorescence analysis of tumor sections. scale bar, 100 μ m. Data are analyzed with Student's t test unless specified, and represented as mean \pm SEM. ns, not significant; *** $p < 0.001$.

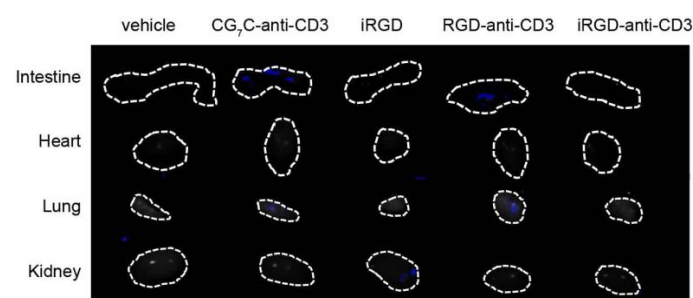


Fig. S5: T cell signal of normal organs in the intraperitoneal tumor model. *Ex vivo* images of other normal organs including intestine, heart, lung, kidney at 6 h post injection. White dotted lines showed where the organs were placed.

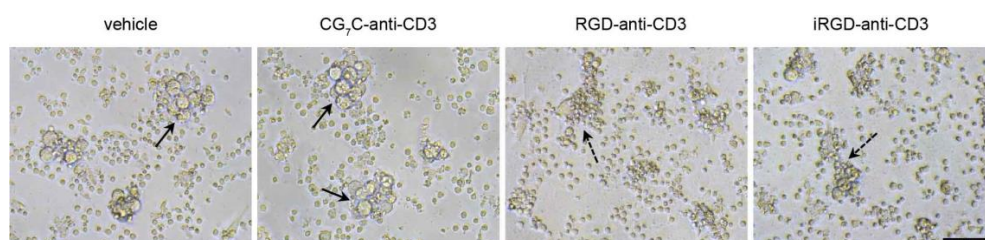


Fig. S6: iRGD-anti-CD3 modification enhanced T cell cytotoxicity against MKN45 cells. Light microscopy of monolayer tumor cell cultures after incubation with modified PBMCs at an E/T of 20:1 for 24h. Solid arrows, surviving tumor cell clumps; dotted arrows, lysed tumor cells. Scale bar, 100 μ m.

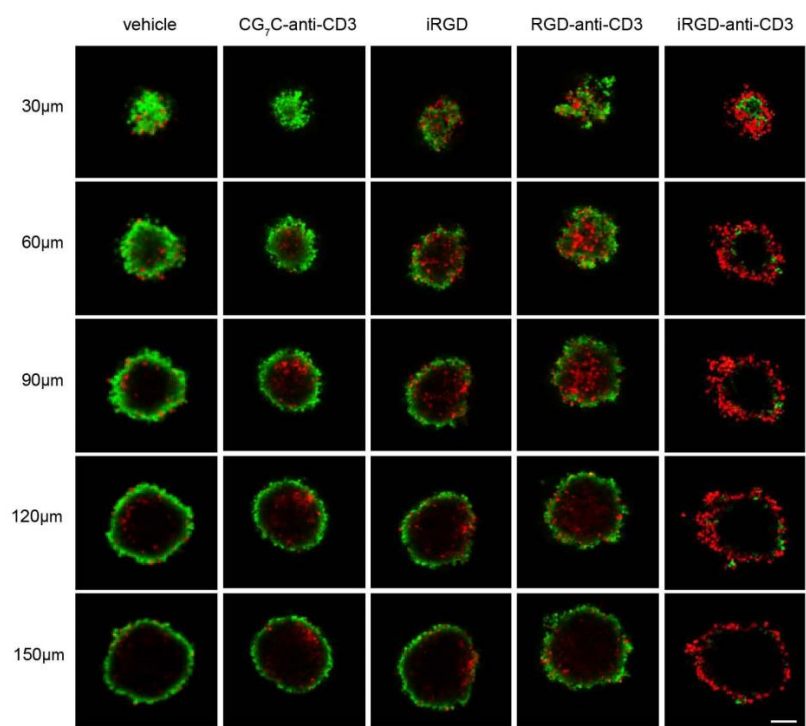


Fig. S7: iRGD-anti-CD3 improved T cell cytotoxicity against HGC27 spheroids.

Consecutive confocal images showing live/dead cells in MCSs with 30 µm intervals.

Magnification, ×200; Scale bar, 100 µm.

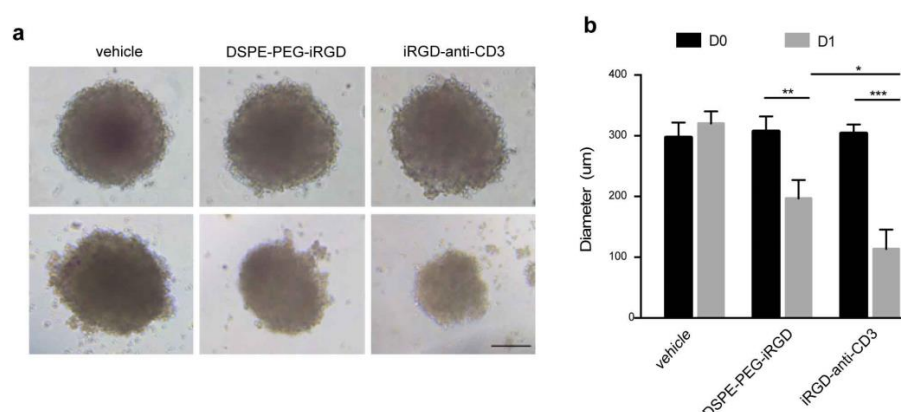


Fig. S8: Antitumor effect of T cells modified with iRGD-anti-CD3 or DSPE-PEG-iRGD in MCSs. (a) modified PBMCs or T cells were added into the MCSs at an E:T ratio of 20:1. Light microscopy of spheroids were acquired at 24 h. scale bar, 100 μm . (b) Diameter comparison of MCSs. Data are analyzed with Student's t test unless specified, and represented as mean \pm SEM. ns, not significant; ** $p < 0.01$; *** $p < 0.001$.

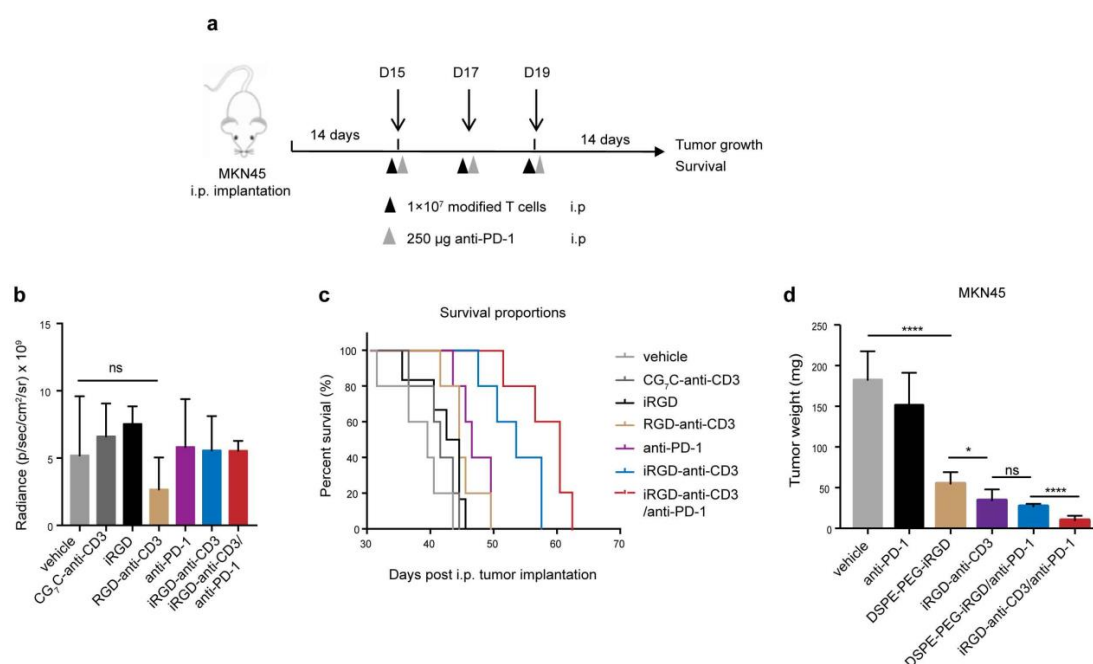


Fig. S9: Combining iRGD-anti-CD3-modified T cells with PD-1 blockade in

MKN45 peritoneal metastatic mouse model. (a) Schematic illustration of treatment

process in peritoneal metastasis mouse models. **(b)** Baseline tumor burden before the

treatment started (at day 14). **(c)** Survival analysis of all treatment groups. **(d)** Mice

bearing disseminated MKN45 peritoneal tumors received intraperitoneal injection of

1×10^7 T cells modified in two approaches every other day for 3 times. 250 μ g PD-1

blockade was given intraperitoneally every other day for 3 injections. Tumors were

harvested after 2 weeks of treatment and weighed. Data are analyzed with Student's t

test unless specified, and represented as mean \pm SEM. ns, not significant; * $p < 0.05$;

**** $p < 0.0001$.

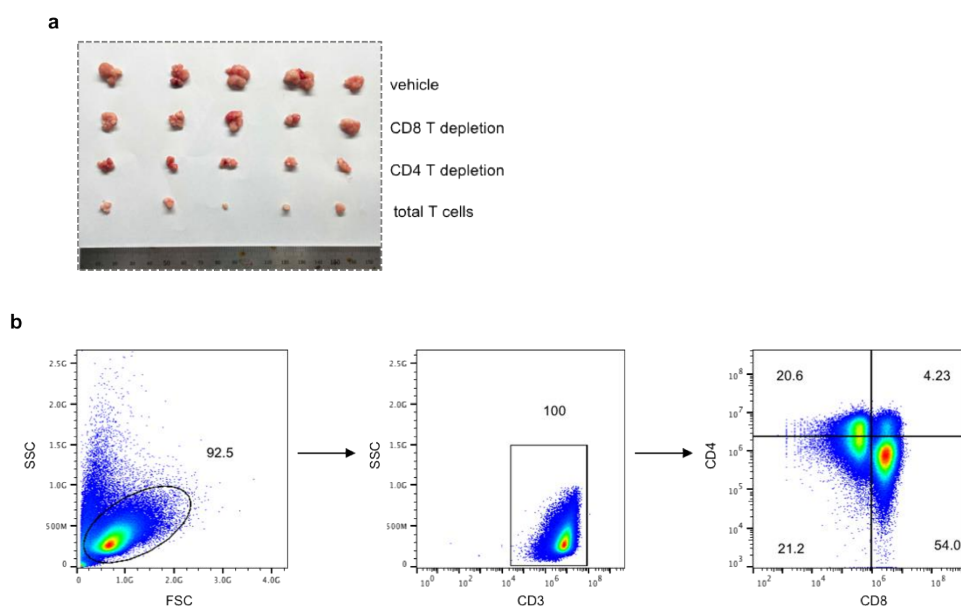


Fig. S10: (a) Tumor nodules in Fig. 4g were photographed. (b) Representative sequential gating strategies for negative isolation of CD3⁺CD4⁺ and CD3⁺CD8⁺ T cells.

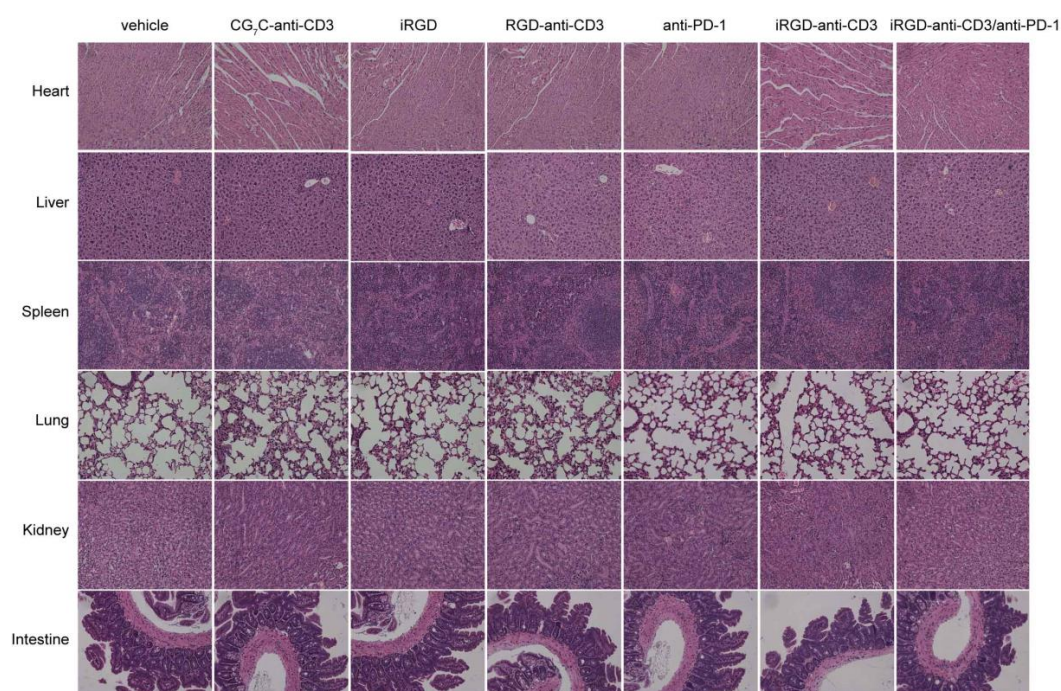


Fig. S11: H&E staining of major organs in MKN45 peritoneal metastatic mouse model. organs in all groups were harvested and stained with H&E at 28 days post tumor implantation.

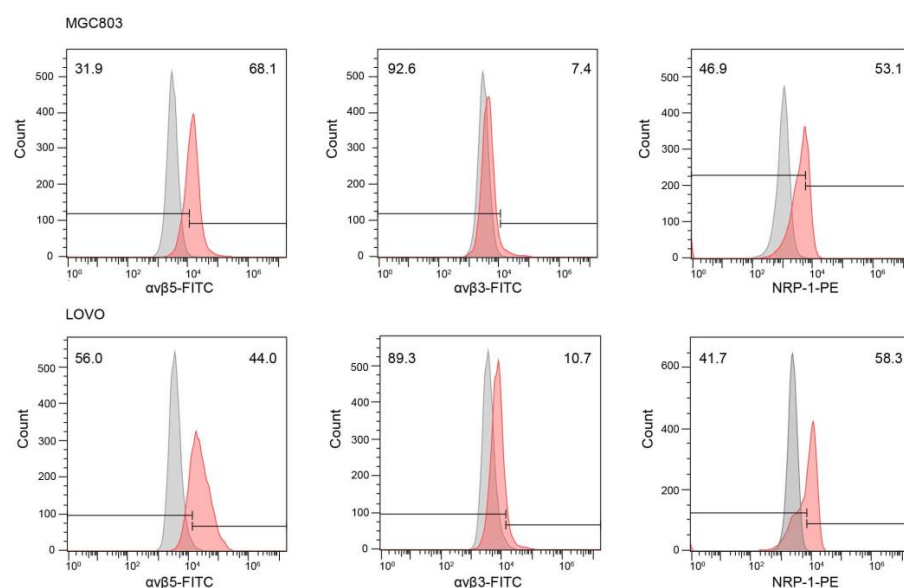


Fig. S12: Expression of $\alpha v\beta 5$, $\alpha v\beta 3$, and NRP-1 on MGC803 and LOVO cells.

Integrin $\alpha v\beta 5$ was detected using FITC-conjugated mouse anti-human $\alpha v\beta 5$ monoclonal antibody, and integrin $\alpha v\beta 3$ was detected using FITC-conjugated mouse anti-human $\alpha v\beta 3$ monoclonal antibody. The matched isotype control was FITC-conjugated mouse IgG1 κ . NRP-1 was detected using PE-conjugated mouse anti-human NRP-1 monoclonal antibody and an isotype control.

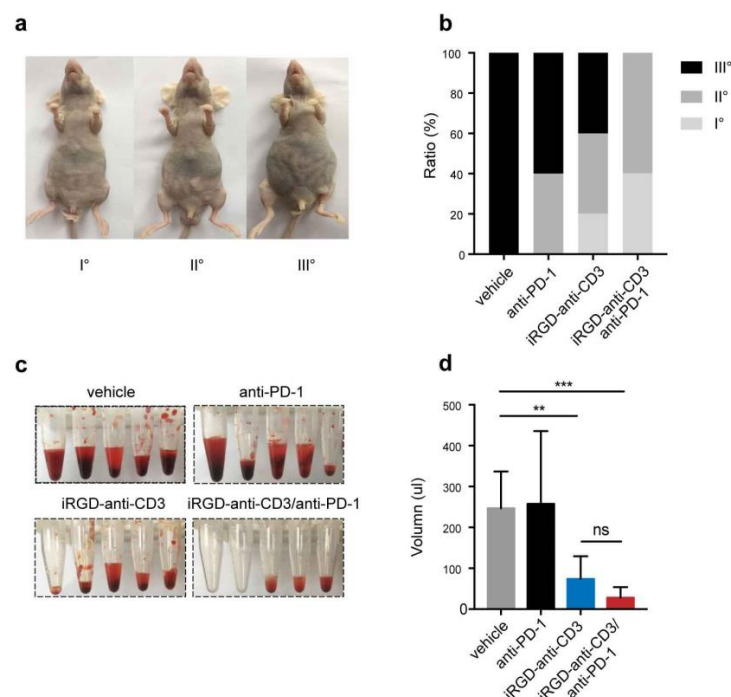


Fig. S13: Combination of iRGD-anti-CD3-modified T cells with PD-1 blockade showed potent tumor inhibition in LOVO peritoneal metastatic colon cancer model. (a) Grading standard of abdominal distention: grade I, invisible distension of abdomen; grade II, moderate symmetrical distension of abdomen; grade III, marked abdominal distention with massive ascites. (b) Comparison of abdomen distention in all groups. (c) Images of ascites collected in Eppendorf tubes and (d) ascites volumes were compared. Data are analyzed with Student's t test unless specified, and represented as mean \pm SEM. ns, not significant; * $p < 0.05$; ** $p < 0.01$; *** $p < 0.001$.

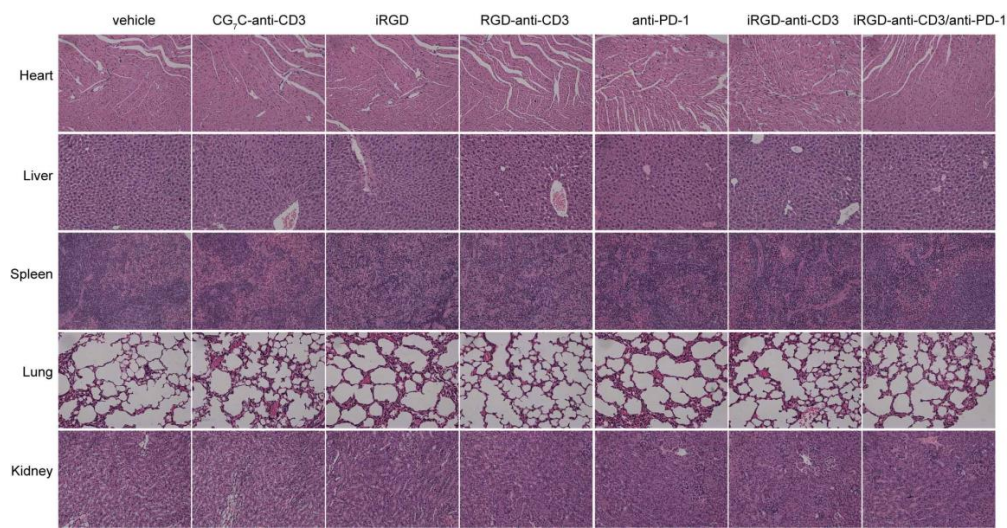


Fig. S14: H&E staining of major organs in MKN45 subcutaneous mouse model.

organs in all groups were harvested and stained with H&E at 25 days post tumor implantation.